**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please replace paragraphs [011], [016] and [027] of the specification, with the following amended paragraph, in which deleted terms are indicated with strikethrough and/or double brackets, and added terms are indicated with underscoring.

[011] FIG. 4 (a) is a sectional view seen from direction C-C of FIG. 3 and FIG. 4 (b), is a modification thereof including two condenser lenses each placed on opposite sides of the particle measuring apparatus, is a sectional view seen from direction D-D of FIG. 3;

[016] As shown in FIGS. 1- 2(b), the flow cell 1 of the first embodiment is made of a transparent member, and provided with a passage 2 (a first passage) for flowing sample fluid therethrough in a direction of the arrow so as to form a particle monitoring area M with respect to laser light La, and another passage 3 (a second passage) having two exits at opposite ends which is perpendicular to the passage 2 and located between the passage 2 and a condenser lens L. As it will be understood from FIGS. 1- 2(b), the second passage extends continuously from the first passage; and a width of the second passage is greater than a width of the first passage.

[027] Incidentally, in the second embodiment, the passages 12 and 14 are made in a pyramidal shape. However, a conical shape is also possible. Also, another condenser lens L may be provided in the opposite position with respect to the flow cell 10, on the opposite side of the flow cell from the condensing lens L in FIGS. 4(a), 4(b), so as to double the scattered light detecting capability. In other words, with two condenser lenses L, L each placed on opposite sides of the flow cell 10, as shown in FIG. 4 (b), scattered light detecting capability of the particle measuring apparatus can be doubled.